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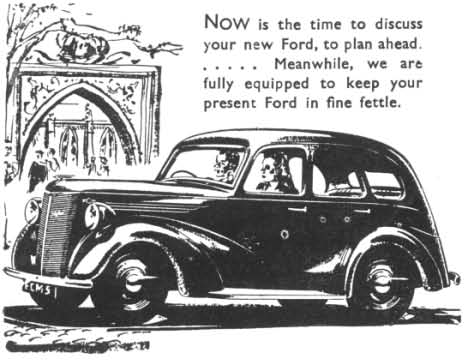

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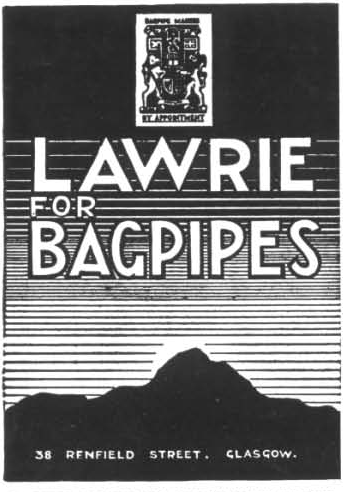

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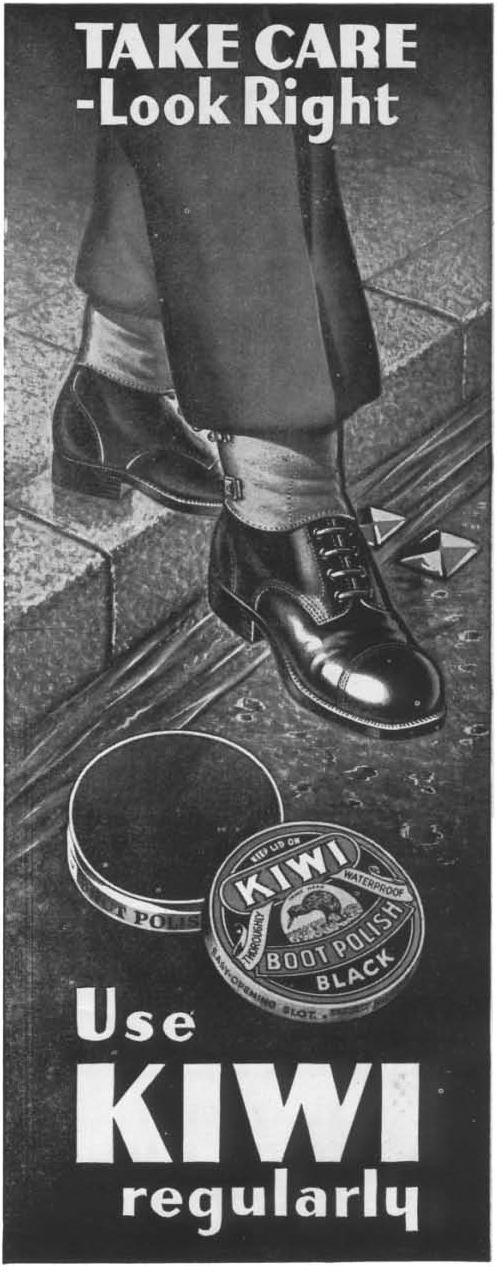

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

A specially bound copy of Volume III of the Regimental History was presented to H.M. The King, and the Colonel of the Regiment has received the following acknowledgment from His Majesty's Private Secretary:—

"Buckingham Palace,
"24th March, 1949.

"My Dear General,

"I have laid before The King the copy of Volume III of the Regimental History of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), which you sent me with your letter of March 18th.

"His Majesty is pleased to accept this book, by which he was much interested, and I am to ask you to convey to the Regiment the King's sincere thanks for their kindness in sending it.

"Yours sincerely,
"(Signed) A. LASCELLES."

General Sir Thomas Riddell-Webster,
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Lanark.

Annual Regimental Dinner and Tea Party in London

The annual Regimental Dinner in London will be held at Claridge's, Brook Street, on Friday, 10th June, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

The afternoon tea party will take place, also at Claridge's, on the same date at 4 p.m. Price 8/6.

The charge for the dinner will be 22/6, less the amount of the subscription paid by members of the Dinner Club. The charge for Officers who are not subscribing members of the Dinner Club will be £2.

Officers who intend to be present at either function should notify the Hon. Secretary immediately at:—Foston, Farnham Royal, Bucks., stating numbers attending in the case of the Tea Party.

CITY OF GLASGOW—JOINT COMMITTEE

Naval, Army and Air Force Associations and British Legion

The Annual Parade of above is due to take place on Sunday, 5th June, 1949 (approximately), when it is hoped as many Cameronians as possible will attend.

Further particulars will appear in the Press about a week before date stated above.

15th (SCOTTISH) DIVISION MEMORIAL

General Sir Richard O'Connor will unveil the 15th (Scottish) Division Memorial, which is being erected at Tourville-sur-Odon, near Cheux, Normandy, on Sunday, 26th June, 1949, the fifth anniversary of the Division's first battle.

It is probable that an organised party will leave London about 9.0 p.m. on Friday, 24th June, and arrive back in London about 7.0 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th June.

Will those who wish to attend please notify Brigadier R. M. Villiers, D.S.O., Headquarters, Northumbrian District, Darlington, Co. Durham, as soon as possible? Full details, including cost, will be sent out as soon as possible.

To The Immortal Memory of Colonel Vandeleur

On the fields of France and Flanders
lie many noble men
Who gave their lives for freedom, as
their sons have done again;
There were those who came back
safely, some rich and others poor,
But one of the greatest of them all
was Colonel Vandeleur.

He was a friend to all alike, all will
revere his name;
His courage was outstanding, he always
played the game.
On this his anniversary of one thing I
am sure,
We'll all drink to the memory of
Colonel Vandeleur.

His many friends are gathered here to
honour a great name;
And thinking of the vacant chair,
things don't seem quite the same;
So to your memory, Colonel dear, we
raise our glasses high;
To a comrade we have said farewell;
we'll *never* say goodbye.

Several songs and humorous items followed, and at the conclusion of the entertainment, a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the artistes, including our talented pianist, Mr Ebin Moir, who has performed this function at our entertainments in the Club for many years.

Mr R. E. Kerr, Entertainments Convener, in asking for three hearty cheers for the Chairman (which were given with the usual honours), remarked that in him we had found a first-class compere for our concerts, as he could tell a story between the items and keep everyone in a good humour.

Mr Kerr also said that we were very fortunate in having the services of such an able and worthy successor to the late Colonel Vandeleur in our present Convener and Chairman. Colonel Bookless gave up a good deal of his valuable time to the affairs of the Club and the Club Committee, and the members fully appreciated this.

In his reply, Colonel Bookless modestly said that he did not think he was entitled to all the pleasant things said of him, as he did the job because he liked doing it and enjoyed the comradeship of the Club, and knew he was amongst Cameronians. To use a well worn phrase "Once a Cameronian, always a Cameronian."

The evening's entertainment concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, followed by the National Anthem.

Captain F. Offer, Secretary, and the Club Committee, are due congratulations for the successful manner in which this event was carried out, and thanks are also due to Mr and Mrs T. R. Kerr, Clubmaster and Clubmistress, for the able way in which they performed the additional duties involved.

Obituary

Mr G. Ayling

We regret to announce the death of Mr George Ayling (known to his comrades in the Regiment as "Dusty"), which took place at his home in Glasgow, on Sunday, 10th April, 1949, aged 66 years.

He joined the Regiment on 13th March, 1905. Saw service in India with the 1st Battalion from 6/10/05, afterwards proceeding with the Battalion in South Africa to 15/12/09.

Served in France in World War 1, 14/8/14 to 26/12/17. He was finally discharged after serving a period of 21 years on 12th June, 1926, as C.Q.M. Sergt.

His decorations included 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He was a fine example of the old type of N.C.O., loyal and trustworthy, with a tactful manner. Had been a good athlete and had a fund of experience. He was a member of the Cameronians Memorial Club since its formation in September, 1928, and a life member of the association.

His presence amongst his old comrades will be sadly missed.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Mr R. G. Nicol, M.C.

Former members of the 1st Battalion of the First World War will learn with regret of the death of Mr Nicol, which occurred recently in Capetown.

He was educated at Glasgow Academy and went straight from there at 18 years of age as a 2/Lieutenant to the 6th Battalion. In July, 1917, he was posted overseas and joined the 1st Battalion in France. With them he served continuously until October, 1918, when he was seriously wounded. In the same month he was granted an immediate award of the Military Cross. He was a gallant and cheerful officer with a ready wit, who always remembered the Regiment and those with whom he served.

After demobilisation he joined the Board of Gilmour, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Distillers, and remained with them until 1947, when he retired from business, and then, for the past two years, he travelled abroad.

An ardent and successful salmon-fisher who knew the rivers and lochs of Scotland well, he had also fished in Iceland. He was married, but his wife predeceased him in 1947.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his brother, Mr A. M. Nicol of Stirling.

BIRTHS

We congratulate Major The Hon. R. J. B. and Mrs Colville on the birth of their son, David Ronald, which took place in Edinburgh on the 8th April, 1949.

We congratulate Captain and Mrs T. V. Gilfillan on the birth of their daughter, which took place on 12th February last.

Haynes. — On February 9, 1949, at Oxford, to Edith, wife of Captain D. S. Haynes, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), a son (Richard Douglas Axtell).

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced between Charles Gordon Bryan, elder son of Colonel and Mrs J. B. Fotheringham, Eaton House, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Elsie Ann, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs J. Salisbury-Craig, 42 Whittinghame Drive, Glasgow, W.2.

DEATHS

We regret to announce the death of Mr Charles Frederick Jones, which took place at 67 Acre Lane, Brixton, London, on 13th April, 1949, at the age of 76 years.

Mr Jones joined the Regiment on 19th July, 1906, and served until 2nd May, 1919. He was in possession of the 1914, Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

To Mrs Jones we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of a dear husband and a very fine soldier.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John McNab, which took place at 14 Duke Street, Motherwell, on 13th March, 1949, at the age of 45 years. Mr McNab joined the Regiment on 3rd October, 1922, and was transferred to the Army Reserve on 13th January, 1930, and finally discharged on 2nd October, 1934. He re-enlisted in the Territorial Army, and was discharged on medical grounds on 10th March, 1945. To his widow we extend our deepest sympathy.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Alexander Stewart, which took place at a hospital, in Paisley, on Saturday, 19th March, 1949, at the age of 81 years. Mr Stewart enlisted in 1888, and served in South Africa and Burma Campaigns, he was discharged on 7th September, 1901, and re-enlisted on the outbreak of the 1st World War, and was finally discharged on 18th February, 1919. A Life Member of the Association, he always took a very keen interest in all the activities of the Association and the Memorial Club, and followed with keen interest the fortunes of his old regiment. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of a dear father and a very gallant soldier.

BALANCES DUE TO ESTATES OF DECEASED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS

In pursuance of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the Next-of-Kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased Officers and Soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice in the London Gazette.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as Next-of-Kin should be addressed by letter to "The Under-Secretary of State, War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1," and marked outside "Effects."

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PERSONALITIES

Captain A. T. Quinn has been appointed Instructor at Pakistan Officers' Training School, Kohat, Pakistan.

Major-General J. W. N. Haugh is now residing near Winchelsea, Sussex.

Major A. H. Henderson, after a period of language study abroad, is now attached to the 1st Bn. K.O.S.B. at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

Captain R. D. Mitchell is shortly proceeding to West Africa to take up a new appointment.

Captain G. N. Palmer, whose previous address was G.H.Q., West African Command, Accra, West Africa, is now serving with the 3rd Battalion The Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F., in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Major T. C. Taylor, M.B.E., M.M., the senior Quartermaster in the Regimental List, retired on retired pay on the 30th January last. Major Taylor has settled in Glasgow.

Major D. C. Grant, who has been secretary of the Lanark Racecourse Co., Ltd., since 1945, has now taken over the additional appointment of secretary for the Hamilton Racecourse Co., Ltd.

Major A. Douglas, M.B.E., M.C., is now deputy secretary to the Scottish branch of the National Playing Fields Association.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate Brigadiers E. Brickman, D.S.O., and E. K. G. Sixsmith, C.B.E., on their promotion to the substantive rank of Colonel, and also Lieut.-Colonel T. L. Binney on his promotion in the Regimental List to fill the vacancy caused by the advancement of Brigadier Brickman.

REGIMENTAL DISTINCTION

Through the kind gift of Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Lawrence, the Regimental Museum has acquired an Army List of 1872.

A check of this shows the 90th Perthshire Light Infantry as enjoying the unique distinction of having three officers serving who were holders of the Victoria Cross. No other cavalry or infantry regiment at that time had more than one officer recipient.

Lieut.-Colonel James Clerk Rattray, C.B., was then commanding, and the V.C's. were Major Evelyn Wood, and Captains Robert Rogers and William Rennie.

It is interesting to note than in 1872 there were still on the Active List of the Army one Field Marshal and 17 General Officers who had fought at Waterloo.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
(London Branch)

The annual reunion of the above will be held this year on Saturday, 11th June, 1949, at 7.30 p.m., at the Chevrons Club, 3/5 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1. (Two minutes from Baker Street Underground Station). A cordial invitation is extended to all old Cameronians no matter where they are domiciled, who wish to attend.

For further particulars apply to the Hon. Secretary, Mr J. M. Hay, 48 Hayfield Road, St, Mary Cray, Kent.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Since the last issue of "The Covenanter," 21 cases for assistance have been received by the Hon. Secretary of the Association. All were satisfactorily dealt with.

Association Badges are now available (3/6d post free) and may be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, The Barracks, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

Although The Army Benevolent Fund is now approaching the fifth anniversary of its creation, there is still a large number of people interested in the Army who are ignorant of the fund's existence or unaware of its objects.

During the last war large sums of money accrued from the surplus N.A.A.F.I. profits and from the gifts of people anxious to express their appreciation of and gratitude to the Army for their splendid achievements in the various theatres of the war.

In order that this money should be equitably distributed the Army Council created the fund in the summer of 1944, with Field Marshal The Earl of Cavan as its first President, and a Board of distinguished officers and civilians.

Unlike the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust and the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, the Army Fund does not deal directly with the needs of the individual. With a network of corps and regimental associations scattered all over the British Isles, in addition to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association and the Forces Help Society, there already existed the necessary machinery for investigating the needs of individuals and of giving the immediate and adequate assistance which each case deserved. The charitable funds of corps and regimental associations, which in pre-war days found it hard to meet the needs of the comparatively small Regular and Territorial Army, were in most cases quite unable to deal with those of an Army which at the height of the war numbered four to five million men and women.

The task which The Army Benevolent Fund set itself, therefore, was to ensure that these funds were given adequate financial help in order that as many cases of hardship as possible should be relieved. The amount of money now being distributed by The Army Benevolent Fund should enable assistance to be given to individuals on a scale which should make it possible for them to make a fresh start. Very many regiments, if they had to rely entirely on their own resources, could only give such small amounts to individuals as would have no permanent effect on their future.

Nearly one and a half million pounds have already been given by The Army Benevolent Fund to the many charitable organisations which alleviate distress among soldiers and their dependants. It has been decided that priority in making grants shall be given to corps and regimental benevolent funds, and in consequence it is becoming necessary to reduce the amounts to be given to combined service associations. It is unfortunately clear that demands to alleviate individual distress are steadily increasing, and, in spite of help from the fund, corps and regimental funds may find it difficult to meet all the demands made upon them. It is hoped, therefore, that regimental funds may be partly replenished from local resources, from members and ex-members of the regiment, or from friends who have a special interest in contributing to the needs of the less fortunate.

Help is also being given to the many organisations concerned in the training of the disabled and the care of the aged and of orphaned children. Furthermore, by making grants to appropriate organisations, The Army Benevolent Fund is contributing towards the education and technical training of those young people who have either served in the Army or whose parents have done so. Many of these young people, who can ill afford to pay the fees at Universities and Training Colleges, are being helped with money provided by The Army Benevolent Fund to qualify for professional and business careers, and many children orphaned by the war are thus able to obtain the education which their fathers would have provided for them.

The object of this article is to give a short account to all soldiers, ex-soldiers and their friends in order that they should have a greater knowledge of the work being done by The Army Benevolent Fund.

HISTORY OF WORLD WAR I 1914-8

Military Operations:
France and Belgium, 1917

Volume III: "The Battle of Cambrai"

This volume completes the History of the War on the Western Front, based on official documents and prepared by direction of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

The great delay in publication and the fact that, although this volume follows Volume II, 1917, it appears after the 1918 series, is due first to the reduction of the staff of the Historical Section and then to World War II.

Like Volume II, 1916, it has been compiled by Captain W. Miles, and includes a Preface by Brigadier-General Sir James Edmonds.

A brief note of the contents is given below.

Price, including two maps and 22 sketches issued with the volume, 30s.

The chief interest of the Battle of Cambrai, November-December, 1917, lies in the new tactics employed to secure surprise. Here is related how, after a secret concentration of our striking force, the unregistered shooting of the artillery was successfully combined with the ability of the tanks to force a passage for the infantry through the German wire. As a result, the formidable Hindenburg defence system was penetrated within a few hours.

How the offensive foundered after a great victory had appeared possible, and how the days of crisis during the German counter-stroke were surmounted by sheer hard fighting are then described. In the end neither antagonist could claim much advantage, whether measured by losses inflicted, guns captured, or ground gained.

The whole picture is completed by accounts from the enemy side.

The concluding chapter discusses the new tactics, with particular reference to the employment of tanks and cavalry; the causes of our eventual failure in the offensive; and the reasons for the success achieved by the German counter-stroke.

Depot The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

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Serjeant	J. Carruthers.
Serjeants' Mess	W. Moore.
Officers' Mess	Mr R. Jack.
Corporal	J. Johnson, M.M.
Riflemen	Berry, Brown, Craig, Elvery, Hodgson, Murphy, McLeod, Porteous, Sandeson, and Mr Poppleton.

EDITORIAL

The weather has been remarkably warm and fine during the last two months, and we are all hoping that this does not mean that our summer is already past. Just as we go to press we are having a spell of snow and frost so that our fears may well be realised.

Our new officers' and O.R.s' married quarters are now almost visible, and one can see wistful expressions on the faces of those who are feverishly counting their points.

We congratulate Lieut. J. C. Thomson on receiving his short service commission. He is at present waiting to go to West Africa. We have been hosts to the 6th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) and The Lanarkshire Yeomanry on their T.A. week-ends, and have prospects of many more visits from them during the summer months.

We had visits from Lieut.-General Sir Gordon H. A. McMillan, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. Scottish Command, and also from Brigadier Younger, who has lately come to command the 30th Lowland Armd. Bde.

Captain H. J. Nunn has recently returned from running a cadet camp in Glencoe. He looks very fit in spite of the fact that on one occasion he had to report the loss of two compasses and six cadets. The latter, however, were eventually traced.

SERJEANTS' MESS

The unmistakable signs of spring are with us again. The Lanark countryside is turning green and beautiful. The weather is mild, and there is a feverish activity to get gardens sown.

The Territorial training season is upon us once more. We have had several visits from the Lanarkshire Yeomanry, and two visits from the 6th Cameronians. We are glad to see many old friends of the latter unit. Territorial week-end training is not all pleasure. A good deal of work is packed into the two days; training designed to suit all classes of Territorials from the recruit to the trained soldier. A Certificate "A" examination for the A.C.F. has also been held, at which about eighty boys presented themselves.

Badminton and table tennis have been claiming the attention of the members recently, and the Mess teams have played a number of home and away games with varying success. The standard of play amongst our civilian opposition is very high.

There has been little movement recently. C.S.M. Gillon has changed his mind about leaving the service, and is destined for the Pioneer Corps. C/Sjt. Alderton has returned from Lowland District H.Q. and is now in charge at Hamilton Barracks.

1st Battalion

Commanding Officer — Lt.-Col. R. A. Buchanan-Dunlop, O.B.E.

2nd-in-Command—Major R. M. Ferrers.

Adjutant—Capt. C. W. Weir, M.C.

Q.M.—Capt. A. L. Cluley, M.B.E.

R.S.M.—R.S.M. G. Ellwood.

O.C. H.Q. Coy.—Major W. Johnston, M.C.

O.C. Support Coy.—Major A. J. Stephen.

O.C. "A" Coy.—Major J. H. Bunten.

O.C. "B" Coy.—Major Sir J. F. H. W. R. Doyle, Bt.

O.C. "C" Coy.—Major A. C. A. Mackinnon.

O.C. "D" Coy.—Major H. D. Callendar.

The last two months have been a period of consolidation in our new station. The Battalion has been kept very busy with Garrison Exercises on Coy., Battalion and Brigade level, as well as several ceremonial parades.

At the end of January we were visited by Admiral the Earl Mountbatten of Burma. During his visit he chatted to various members of the Battalion who had served in Burma.

The Admiral's visit meant a fairly strenuous time on the social side, as the Battalion were made officially responsible for seeing that all members of the ship's company of R.M.S. Liverpool, the flagship, had a really enjoyable time.

It may safely be said that the task was tackled with great gusto and dealt with in typical Cameronian fashion.

During February the Battalion passed the ordeal of an Administration Inspection by the Brigade Commander with flying colours.

Later in the same month we were inspected by Major-General W. M. Hoge, Commanding General of the U.S. Forces in Trieste. The Battalion was extremely gratified to receive the following letter from Major-General Hoge after his visit.

23rd February, 1949.

Lt.-Col. R. A. Buchanan Dunlop, O.B.E.
Commanding Officer,

1st Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles),

British Element Trieste Force.

Dear Colonel Buchanan-Dunlop,

I wish to thank you and your officers and men for a most interesting and pleasant experience on last Thursday. I was greatly honoured in having the privilege of visiting your fine organisation and wish to compliment you and all ranks for the splendid appearance they made on inspection and in the march past. Their military bearing and soldierly appearance were outstanding.

I am particularly appreciative of your kind invitation to become an honorary member of the Officers' Mess and hope to avail myself of this privilege in the future.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. HOGE,
Major-General, U.S. Army,
Commanding,

Battalion Square and H.Q. and Support Company Block, Rossetti Barracks.

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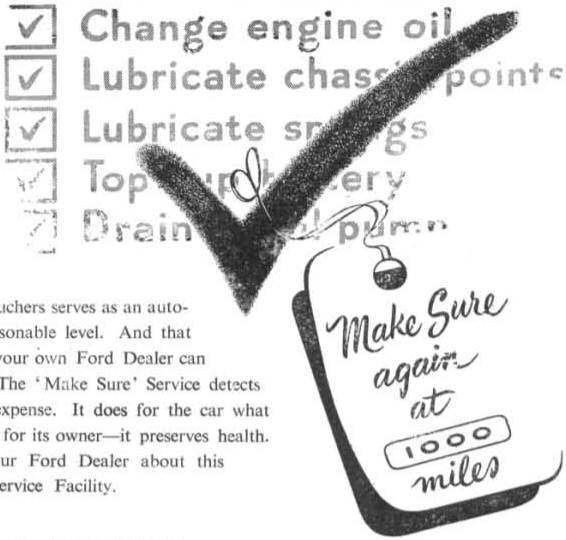

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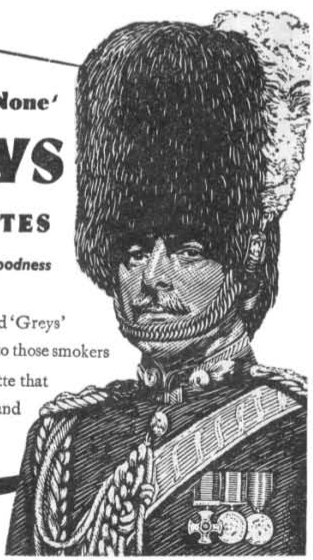

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"B" Company marching past Major-General W. M. Hoge, Commanding-General, Trieste.

Following this the Battalion had a busy time preparing for Brigade Exercise Impact, which took place at the beginning of March commencing on what must have been one of the coldest nights of the year. Our feet turn to lead at the very memory of it.

The Battalion acted as enemy to a mixed force of British and American troops supported by Shermans, and rendered a very good account of themselves.

Finally, on the 10th March, Neuve Chapelle day was celebrated in customary style with a Battalion Parade, which is described more fully elsewhere.

In the world of sport we have compiled a creditable list of accomplishments.

The rugger team was victorious in the BETFOR Rugger Cup. Our Battalion hockey team is unbeaten. We were runners-up in the Open Team Boxing Championship for BETFOR. The football team has been uneven in its performance, and "when it is good it is very, very good, but when it's bad it's l——y."

Altogether the period since our last notes can be regarded with every satisfaction by all ranks of the Battalion.

NEUVE CHAPELLE DAY, 1949

Neuve Chapelle Day, 1949, has been made memorable for two reasons: firstly, the presence with the Battalion of Lieut.-General A. Galloway, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C. and High Commissioner, British Zone, Austria; and secondly, the revival of the Serjeants' Mess Ball on its old pre-war scale.

The celebrations started on the evening of 9th March, with the bands playing "Retreat" on the square, and a Regimental Guest Night in the Officers' Mess. In spite of a dark, chilly evening the bands gave an excellent performance, ringing the changes on all possible combinations. General Galloway had made the long journey from Vienna in time to be present, and he took the salute of the bands as they marched off.

No formal invitations were issued for "Retreat" or to watch the parade on the 10th, as it was thought more suitable to keep these celebrations within the family of the Regiment. Both functions, however, had many spectators from the Battalion's families and by private invitation, this in spite of the weather, which, after being fine and clear for two months, turned out dull and cold on the 9th and drizzly on the 10th.

The guest of honour at dinner in the Officers' Mess was General Galloway; other guests represented the U.S. Army, Royal Navy, British Services and British Consular Service. The evening followed the traditional form, with five pipers carrying the banners of the Commanding Officer and Company Commanders at Neuve Chapelle; the military band played appropriate selections including "The Vanished Army." Amongst the finest silver of both battalions, the Bliss Cup and Lt.-Col. E. B. Ferrer's Sword and Medals were given pride of place.

At 9.30 a.m. on the morning of the 10th the Battalion paraded in close column, five hundred strong, all ranks dressed in tartans, for inspection by General Galloway. After a General Salute the General inspected the Battalion by Companies, and then gave an address, a copy of which is added to these notes. At the end of the General's address the Battalion marched past by Companies in column of route. Soon after the parade General and Mrs Galloway had to leave to travel back to Austria.

The rest of 10th March was observed as a holiday for all ranks. We were much indebted to the G.O.C.-in-C. BETFOR and to the Commander 24th Infantry Brigade for granting this holiday, and to the 1st Battalion The King's Own Regiment for making it possible by taking over guards and duties.

The Neuve Chapelle Ball, given by the W.O.s, Staff Serjeants and Serjeants of the Battalion was held in the ballroom of the Welfare Club in Trieste. Guests included Major-General T. S. Airey, C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C. and Governor F. T. T. and Brigadier R. F. Johnstone (late Royal Scots), Commanding 24th Infantry Brigade, also representatives of the U.S. Army and all the British Services. The fine room filled with uniforms and ladies' evening dresses, the display of Mess Silver, the Regimental Dance Band in white, full dress uniform, all combined to make a noteworthy spectacle. No trouble had been spared to make the occasion the success it indeed was. The Ball was a most fitting finale to the Neuve Chapelle celebrations, and was greatly enjoyed by all who were there.

It was the greatest pleasure as well as a privilege to have General Galloway with us, and to be inspected and addressed by him. It was very good of him to make such a long journey and spare the time from his many responsibilities in Vienna. We are only sorry that the latter necessarily curtailed his visit. The fact that Mrs Galloway was able to accompany him made the occasion the more delightful.

Copy of Neuve Chapelle Day Speech delivered to the 1st Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) by Lt.-Gen. A. Galloway, at Rossetti Barracks, Trieste.

10th March, 1915, to 10th March, 1949.

Thirty-four years ago to-day the Scottish Rifles went into an attack at Neuve Chapelle in France, as part of an offensive which it was thought at the time would bring about a great Allied success in the war. Thirty officers and 900 men of this regiment took part in the attack, and when the remnants of that magnificent battalion were relieved after three days, and having taken and held three lines of trenches, one 2/lieut. and 150 men came out of the battle. The officers were amongst the best in the army and the bulk of the men had five years' service or were reservists.

That is as much of the story as I need tell you to-day; for the rest, you can read of it in the Regimental History.

It is sad to say that it is a story that could be told of many regiments in the First World War, for we did not know so much about war in those days as we do now—to our cost. But I am perfectly sure that there is no finer fighting record amongsts regiments of the British Army, before or since, than that of the Battalion whose achievements we are now commemorating. This Regiment has always known how to fight, and on that day 34 years ago the 2nd Battalion won a battle honour that is amongst our very best.

It is perhaps unfair to single out individuals when so many fought and died so bravely, but I would mention one who took part in that attack, because everyone who knew him loved and admired him, and because I have always regarded him as one of the finest examples of the British infantryman. He led the part of the attack that day when most of the other officers had been killed or wounded. He was himself three times badly wounded. He lived, however, to give valuable service to the 2nd Battalion and to command the 1st Battalion. His name is Ferrers and his nephew is serving here to-day in the Regiment but, I am sorry to say, is shortly to leave the Battalion. The Regiment was Colonel Ferrers' life. He had no other life. He was devoted to it, and he was a very true friend of every officer and man whom he met in it. We could say the same of many others. It takes all sorts to make a world, but it took the very best to make the stuff that this Regiment was composed of. All regiments have traditions to live up to and we have ours and it is a very high one. The Regiment wants only the very best.

Now I would like to say a few words to you about the Army to-day. After each war there comes a time of much difficulty. Everything costs much money and there is little to spare. Recruits are hard to get. There is a very natural turning away from military things. For those who are serving with the Regiment it is a hard task to get back to the pre-war standards, and life is full of difficulties and disappointments. Furthermore, two important factors have to be borne in mind. First, there is a feeling that in spite of all our sacrifices in the past years, we have not yet got the peace for which we strived so hard and for which we long. Secondly, the progress of science makes war more sinister and complicated. There are even those who say that British infantry are not what they were and that there is little place for them in modern war of the future.

How do these two factors affect us to-day, and what should we do about it? The answer is quite straightforward. They must not affect us. First, you must, all of you, remember the Regiment and that it comes first in all things which happen in your life. Each one of you must try his very hardest to live up to what your forebears have handed on to you. Secondly, you must learn your job as well as you possibly can and never give up learning. The job of the modern infantry soldier is the hardest of the lot. He has to be an expert or he is useless and, in addition, he is apt to get shot at more than other people. But the job of the infantry soldier is the finest of the lot.

If you remember these two things and follow that advice you won't go far wrong, and if you don't go far wrong the Regiment won't either, for **you are the Regiment**.

You are on your foreign tour, and no doubt you will, in years to come, visit new places and meet new faces. People will watch you to see what you are made of. I haven't the slightest doubt that wherever you go, and whatever you have to do, it will be done in the manner to which the Regiment has long been accustomed and that people will say of you as they have said so often before. "The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) are here—All's well."

My very best wishes to you all.

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Field-Marshal Sir William Slim chats with a Bugler-Major of the Cameronians.

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HEADQUARTER COMPANY

As usual, our first paragraph commences "once again we have had a change in Company Commanders." Major Johnston, M.C., who took the Rear Party home from Gibraltar, has rejoined the Company and we hope he will remain with us for a longer period this time. Since re-joining the Battalion, Major Johnston has been appointed Football Officer and some members of the Battalion football team have now discovered muscles in their tummies and legs which they never knew existed.

Perhaps the outstanding feat of the Company, in sport, so far this season, was the gallant fight by Company H.Q. in the Semi-Final of the Inter-Platoon Hockey Championships against SP. Coy. H.Q. and Carrier Platoon. Although we lost by 3 goals to 1, it must be recorded that our team played throughout the game with one man short and C.S.M. Cowan (captain) has been heard muttering "it was a moral victory." However, good luck to our opponents and we are looking forward to another good game with them.

The Company football team is still striving and fighting to get to the top. Since our last notes we have played three games. Results: H.Q. Coy., 6, v. "B" Coy., 4; H.Q. Coy., 4, v. "C" Coy, 2; and H.Q. Coy., 3, v. "A" Coy., 6. In the BETFOR Inter-Company Knock-out Championships we were defeated 4-3 after extra time by the Ordnance Depot. The game was played on a very windy day and our team couldn't settle down. However, we offer no excuses for our defeat.

C/Sjt. McAlonan has gone to the Home Establishment and we wish him and Mrs McAlonan all the best and hope to see his shining face at the Reunion Meetings. C/Sjt. Paterson has returned from the U.K. after his 21 days' privilege leave and we welcome him back to the fold. C/Sjt. Paterson's Italian has improved since his return, through asking the Italian equivalent of "KITNE," etc., during his search for a flat for Mrs Paterson.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Macdonald and L/Cpl. Hewgill on recording the arrival of a daughter and son respectively.

In conclusion, we would like to point out that a Bora (strong wind) is now blowing at the moment, but must add that there are also artificial Boras, such as inspections, etc., which we are now preparing for.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPT.

First, apologies for not sending a contribution to the last issue. The move from Gibraltar, Rear Party, settling in and finding our way about the new station, all connived to steal away our time, although it is with some temerity we put forward any, or all, of these as reasons for the omission. With a promise to be more attentive to our regimental duties in future, we wish you a pleasant, warm and dry summer, and beg forgiveness.

With us, as we write, we have two quartermasters. Before this issue is printed, our old friend and mentor, Capt. Wm. Bunce, will have left us to return to civilian life. Beyond wishing him a sorrowful farewell and, feeling his going is a regimental loss that merits a more prominent place in this chronicle than these notes can be accorded, we say no more, except, "Thanks, Bill."

Capt. Bunce is not the only one whose release we are deploring at this time. L/Cpl. Davidson, our equipment repairer, leaves us in a matter of days. Strong, well-built, smart and good-looking soldier that he is, he refuses to see the light and become a regular. He is at present being briefed on how to get back to us should the hazards of civilian life prove too much for him.

L/Cpl. Tulley, a clerk, if not of the highest order, but good enough for us, also leaves in a matter of weeks to continue his studies. Maybe he also would have found the baton nearer the top of his knapsack had he carried on.

Last, but by no means least, our worthy cook, Sjt. Bewley is waiting to go home to finish his army service nearer the job that is surely waiting for a man who has given his regiment and his country such good service. Au revoir to you all; remember us, and keep in touch. Surely, you say, with such losses the department will crumble? No, not a bit. In the office we still have R.Q.M.S. Speirs, Sjt. R. Robson and Rifleman Vickers and the promise of another likely lad when we can find one.

Guarding the clothing store is Cpl. Sutherland, assisted by Rfn. Keaney as laundry storeman. Minister of Fuel and Power is L/Cpl. Thompson who, by judiciously under-issuing everyone but B.H.Q. with fuel, recently broke a Betfor record by having some coal left at the end of the week. How many kitboxes and tables he cost us we hate to think. His concern is to make the coal go round.

The man whom we envy least is Sjt. Brown, Pioneer serjeant. Having been denied the pleasure of forming up with newly-constituted Support Company, Sjt. Brown, and the few tradesmen we have, form their own little circle in our midst, in "H.Q." Coy. To them is given the monumental task of keeping these outwardly imposing stately buildings at least habitable inside. To make good all the repairs necessary in the time available is beyond them, but with a nail here and a splash of mortar there they do a good job of work.

The Ration Section is well served by L/Cpls. Anderson and Cowan, assisted by Rfn. Callow as butcher, and Rfn. McGuire as muscle man. He uses up his strength heaving bags of flour, then recuperates weighing up the families' rations. Perhaps we should include L/Cpl. Young, "Postie" in this Section, although he is completely divorced and has his own establishment and vehicle.

We have two cook houses in addition to the Officers' and Serjeants' Messes. No. 1 is controlled by Sjt. Burton, A.C.C., who is not only a very able cook serjeant, but a boxer of such standard that he represented the Battalion in the finals of the Betfor Team Championships, and lost a very close decision. No. 1 cookhouse feeds the Rifle Coys., No. 2 cookhouse serves "H.Q." and "SP" Coys—you know, where all the nice-mannered boys and small eaters (like the Police and the Carrier Platoon eat). This cookhouse is under the command of Sjt. Bewley, but his relief, Sjt. Trainor, who has recently arrived, and more recently gone down with an attack of lumbago, is gradually taking over the reins. At present Sjt. Trainor is on light duties, but is, we are pleased to say, making good recovery to normal.

The Sanitary team, L/Cpl. Morris and Rfn. Stewart, with the assistance of three Italians, try to keep us free from refuse. They can best be likened to good rugger forwards; they're seldom seen, but they shift a lot of "scrum."

Now our "repair services" (this comes from mixing with the Americans). The Shoemakers' Shop, whose output figures would not disgrace a factory on war effort, is under command of L/Cpl. Warner, R.A.O.C., ably assisted by Rfn. Smith, "C" Coy and, when the R.Q.M.S. hasn't got him on a thousand other jobs, our cheery ever-smiling Rfn. Mulligan. In the Armourers' Shop the R.E.M.E. expert is Sjt. Coultas. He and his assistant, Rfn. McKay, render yeoman service.

Perhaps the most envied man on the staff is the regtl. tailor, Rfn. McKenzie. He controls five Italian seamstresses. However, even that job will not make him change his mind about signing on, and he will be away within a month or so. We are *not* running a tailors' course to find a replacement for him.

The Technical Stores under Sjt. Dalgleish work in such close co-operation with the M.T. we have to keep reminding ourselves that they belong to the "Q" clan. They seem to keep the M.T.O. quiet and he's our equivalent to the manager of the L.P.T.B. So sufficient unto the day . . .

Lastly, a word about our Italian employees, all of whom we inherited from our good friends, the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. Besides those already mentioned we have, to make a total of seventeen, kitchen hands, a boilerman, and as chief of them all, a very efficient labour master cum interpreter, named Torquasi as willing to help Spud Tamson's bairns as the Colonel, and as a result, very popular with everyone. Now, until the next issue when we hope to tell you our outside contacts, adieu.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, inspecting the guard of 1st Battalion at Trieste.

"A" COMPANY

O.C.—Major J. H. Bunten.

2nd-in-Command—Capt. F. R. P. Nimmo-Smith.

C.S.M.—C.S.M. J. H. Kirk.

C.Q.M.S.—C.Q.M.S. H. B. Williamson.

The Company has now settled into its new quarters in Rossetti Barracks. During the last month we have welcomed to the Company Capt. F. R. P. Nimmo-Smith and Lieut. D. H. Macmillan, the latter having come from the U.K. We have also three new N.C.O.s—Sjt. Johnson, Sjt. Burns and Cpl. Scott.

We are shortly to lose our Company Commander to a course at Warminster for the next two months, but Capt. J. M. H. Scott will be assuming command on his return from a course and a long spell of leave.

During the interim period the Company will be commanded by Capt. F. R. P. Nimmo-Smith, who already carries out the trying task of Battalion Education Officer. Slowly but surely the Company leave roster has been gratifying the wishes of all of the Company, except the C.S.M., and soon all who were with us in Gibraltar will have had their spell of privilege leave in the U.K.

After an arduous battle on Neuve Chapelle day, one of our Company hockey teams (1st Platoon and Company H.Q.) lost in the final of the Battalion Inter-Platoon Competition to the Carrier Platoon. We should like to congratulate all concerned for the fine show put up in this competition.

The trainer of our Company boxers, Cpl. Thomas, represented the Battalion in the BETFOR boxing championship, and gained a decisive victory in a well-fought fight.

In closing we would like to congratulate Sjt. Burns on his recent engagement and L/Cpl. Mackillop, Gilmour and Neilson on their promotion.

The Company football team, under the able leadership of Cpl. Neilson, is doing extremely well and is unbeaten at the moment.

Earl Mountbatten of Burma talking to R.S.M. G. Ellwood, with Major-General T. S. Airey, C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C., BETFOR, and the C.O.

"B" COMPANY

Coy. Comd.—Major Sir J. F. H. W. R. Doyle, Bt.

2nd-in-Command—Lt. I. D. MacHorton.

C.S.M.—Godfrey.

C/Sjt.—Fulton.

We have now been in Trieste nearly four months and have fully settled down into BETFOR routine.

Many new faces have appeared in the Company, replacing those going on release who were with us at Gib. Among those well-known is the Company clerk, known as "Smudger" Smith, and also Rfn. Anderson, a loss to our football team. We congratulate the Company commander on his majority, and we welcome Lieut. I. D. MacHorton, from H.Q. Company, who is acting Company 2nd-in-Command. Capt. Bodington has gone on a course at home. We also welcome 2nd Lieut. H. G. Worthington-Wilmer and 2nd Lieut. A. J. Struthers, from "A" and "C" Companies respectively. C/Sjt. Barnes has taken over the duties of C.Q.M.S. from C/Sjt. Fulton, whose prolonged stay at home has caused some seditious comment!

Concerning military training, the order of the day is now schemes, and include two nights a month sleeping out. The Company took a prominent part in the Brigade exercise, being subjected to an attack by tanks and infantry (King's Own supported by a troop of American tanks), which was successfully dealt with by six-pounder and small arms fire. However, we were ordered to withdraw and the Company was seen doubling smartly back, perhaps a trifle hurriedly to new positions. The CIGS was reported to be in the vicinity, but the Company departed before he had arrived. Company exercises are also in progress.

All Companies in the summer go up to Schmelz in Austria for a month's training, which should prove a pleasant change. We are the last Company to go, scheduled for September.

Sport, although it took time, is now well under way, and the Inter-Platoon Hockey League finished. A team entered from each platoon, but unfortunately No. 4 Platoon and Company H.Q. were beaten in the first round by the A/Tk. Platoon 3-0. No. 6 Platoon played No. 2 Platoon of "A" Company and won 2-1, but were knocked out in the next round. No. 5 Platoon reached the third round, drew twice, but were beaten 4-2 in the third replay by the band.

On the 9th February we entered the BETFOR small bore competition against "Sp" Company King's Own, but although we put up a good score we lost by 20 points. The team was as follows: L/Cpl. Darkes, L/Cpl. Prow, L/Cpl. Wilson, Rfn. Fergusson, Rae and Clarke, 13.

The Company football team is rapidly losing its old hands. Cpl. Heppard eagerly awaits all new drafts with high hopes of replacing the old stalwarts with new blood. Our left half, Rfn. Anderson, has left us, with Rfn. Friar and Gormley soon to follow. On account of this changing about we have only won one match out of three. The old team was as follows: Shackleton, Simpson (72), Grant, Gormly, Wilson (09), Anderson, Hanning, McLaughlan, Dickinson, Friar, Clark (48).

"C" COMPANY

"C" Company welcomed the New Year in true Cameronian style. In the morning everyone turned up to cheer at the traditional Officers v. Serjeants football match. After a hectic and amusing battle, in which the Officers discovered that they were the winners, the Company trooped off to a dinner worthy of the occasion, for which the Messing Officer must be congratulated. Satisfied, a sing-song started in the dining hall, after which everyone was free to do as he pleased.

Next day we began life in earnest, and there followed days of hard work in an endeavour to get well "dug in." This we did in a remarkably short time, and in less than a month after our arrival the place appeared neat and orderly, with the daily routine running very smoothly. We were rather cramped for space at first, but when Riflemen became detached or on Cadres, etc., we felt less confined. Now, too, that the leave system is working regularly, the position is better than ever. We are sharing a floor of the Rifle Block with "D" Company, and most of our rooms are well centralised.

In no time at all after our arrival sport was organised, and we soon found ourselves engaged in major league and friendly matches. 2/Lt. Struthers began to train the Battalion Cross Country runners, while 2/Lt. Cameron was occupied with the Novice Boxers, among whom was Rfn. Milligan of this Company. About the same time the first matches in the Inter-Platoon Hockey Knockout began. Of our three teams, 8 and 9 Platoons were beaten early on, but 7 Platoon and Company H.Q. combined to hold on for some time until they lost to a Platoon of "A" Company.

Also about this time the 24th Inf. Bde. Small-Bore Rifle Championship commenced, and so far we have done extremely well, reaching the semi-finals which will take place shortly. Our last shoot was against H.Q. Company, whom we beat by only five points in a very exciting contest. With Major Mackinnon on leave, the team at present consists of Lieut. Petrie, 2/Lt. Cameron, Cpl. Connelly, L/Cpl. Warren, Rfn. Wilson and Rfn. Hennis.

Rugger and football have not really descended below Battalion level owing to the difficulties in allocation of pitches, but last month "A" Company challenged us to a game of the former and we beat them. We have produced six or seven players for the Battalion soccer team, but apart from one or two games against other Companys have not been able to use them to our own advantage.

In the summer we can look forward to athletics and swimming, both of which are very popular in this station. Companies will shortly be having athletics for the Inter-Company Shield, and we shall be choosing the Battalion team from the winners in the various events.

We welcome to the Company two Officers from the Royal Scots, Capt. H. D. G. Taylor, and Lieut. D. G. A. Petrie. Capt. Taylor has taken over 2 i/c from Capt. Bodington, now in "B" Company, while Lieut. Petrie is in charge of 9 Platoon, composed largely of Royal Scots who remained here to join the Battalion when it took over. We welcome also Colour-Serjeant Dalziel, who takes the place of Colour-Serjeant Macalonan.

C.S.M. Galbraith, just returned from some well-earned leave at Cortina, is with us still, as are also Sjts. Brogan, McBride, Fraser and Brown. Sjt. Price is now in "B" Company, while Sjt. Mulvenna has gone to "D" Company.

During the last two months we have received several small drafts from Lowland Brigade, with the result the Company is now nearly up to full strength.

The item which has been uppermost in everyone's minds these last few months is leave. The fact that U.K. leave is

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possible here has greatly helped to sustain the high morale of the Battalion, and the leave rosters are now in full swing. The first contingent left Trieste on January 5, and by now a good proportion of the Company has been home, while a few have had local leave at the Cortina Leave Centre in Italy, among the ice and snow.

Of our Officers, 2/Lt. Cameron was the first to go on a course. He went on 14 days ski instruction in Austria shortly after Christmas. 2/Lt. Struthers took U.K. leave in the middle of February, followed ten days later by Major Mackinnon, who handed the Company over to Capt. Taylor. Capt. Taylor, however, went home on an Air Support Course at the beginning of March, leaving the Company temporarily in the hands of Capt. J. Y. Ferguson, M.B.E., M.C., from the Royal Scots.

We have had three big inspections since landing, and three ceremonial parades. The Brigade Commander visited us on our arrival, and had an Admin. Inspection on February 24. The C.I.G.S. also visited "C" Company lines on March 8. On December 16 the Brigadier took a march past by the Battalion, and gave a welcoming address. Thursday, February 17, saw General Hoge, commanding TRUST, take the march past on a ceremonial parade on which we wore tartans for the first time since 1939.

On Neuve Chapelle Day, General Galloway inspected the Battalion, and during the parade gave us an address on the battle. The Battalion was given a whole holiday.

One of the big advantages of this station from the point of view of training is the fact that we have space here in which to manoeuvre and conduct schemes. It is a great relief being free of that cramped feeling which always dogged us during exercises on the Rock. We have already had several schemes at Company level and above, conducted mostly on the high ground east of the town in the British sector. Field training for the Company, as such, is much needed at these levels, and we are taking full advantage of our new liberty. T.E.W.T.s, Attacks, Company in Defence Schemes are all to be seen on the training programmes. Brigade exercises, too, are by no means rare occurrences. On March 8 one of these took place in which the Americans took part. The Company had the role of enemy, and was attacked by an American Battalion. Shortly after the battle was over in our area, the C.I.G.S., who was present during the exercise, visited the Company position.

In the summer we shall be having outdoor encampments where young and old alike can learn to live in the field again. We shall also be going on field firing exercises in Schmelz, Austria.

We in the Company are all finding that life in Trieste is both interesting and enjoyable, and are looking forward to the summer with all its colourfulness and warmth. With the swimming, sports, Company camps, new sights and sounds, it looks as though our first year here will be a memorable one.

"D" COMPANY

U.K. leave is now going with a swing, Rfn. Wigley being the first of a large number who have already gone. Our congratulations to Sjt. Sneddon, who took advantage of his twenty-one days at home to get married. It appears to have been most beneficial to him, for scarcely had he returned to us before he was put in the ring to box for the Battalion against the South Lancashire Regiment. He knocked-out his opponent in the first round.

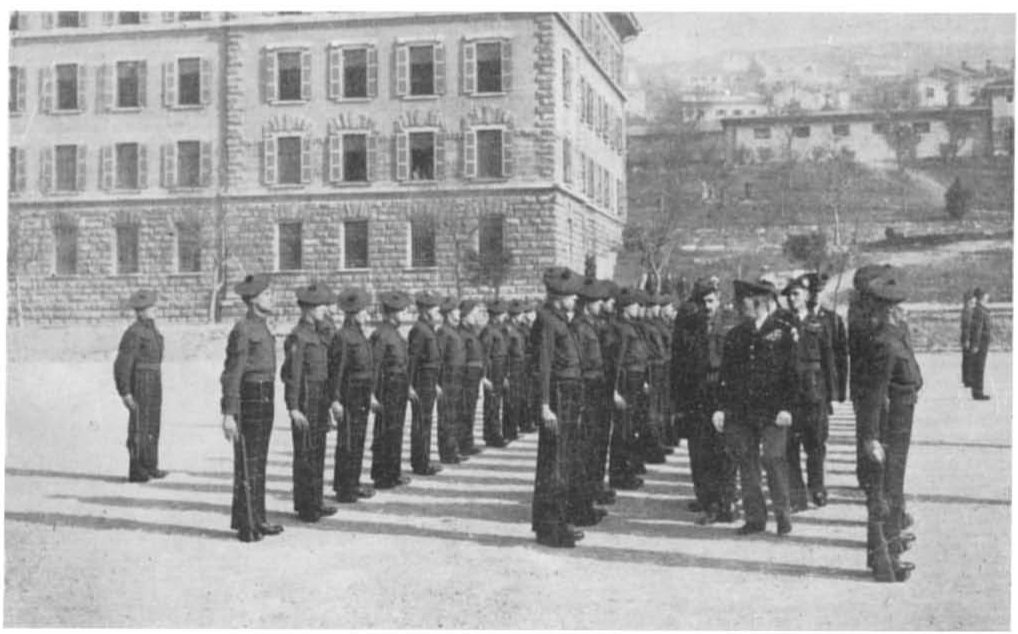
We have been well represented in the Battalion sporting activities as a whole. Rfn. Wigley boxed first string, welterweight; Sjt. Mulvenna represented the Company in the hockey team, and Rfn. Scott (10) and Rfn. Hanlon in soccer. At rugby, Capt Bryceson, Lt. Littlejohn, Lt. Smith, Sjt. Sneddon, L/Cpl. Scott and Rfn. Scott (10) all played in the battalion's victorious fifteen.

We welcome Lt. Smith back from his course at Hythe. 2nd Lt. Linn came back to us for two days brimming over with health after his ski-ing course at Schmelz in the Austrian Alps, and then rushed home on leave. We have sent a number of people to Cortina in the Italian Alps: so far L/Cpl. Todd, L/Cpl. Linsdale, L/Cpl. Smith (84), and Cpl. Critcher, and their reports make it an even more popular leave centre. Rfn. Sloan and Smith (49) have been on local leave to Vienna, so we are becoming a rather well-travelled company.

We were all very sorry that Major P. V. Gray had to leave us to take over the duties of P.R.I. and P.M.C., but extend a hearty welcome to Major D. I. H. Callender who was originally out here with the Royal Scots and liked it so much that he fought his way back.

Congratulations to Cpl. Stevens on his promotion and to L/Cpls. Smith (30) and McGauley on taking their first step on the ladder to R.S.M.

In spite of so much leave we have been



Major-General W. M. Hoge, Commanding-General, Trieste U.S. Troops, inspecting "D" Company.

"I'LL MEASURE IT MYSELF NEXT TIME!"

able to carry out some most interesting training. The areas here after Gibraltar are extensive and practical, and by the time we get to our summer camp in Schelmz we should be a very highly trained unit.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Since our last notes several changes have taken place.

Firstly, we welcome Lieut. Rodger, who has taken over the duties of Intelligence Officer from Lieut. MacHorton. Lieut. MacHorton has been I.O. for four months, and although it has been a short stay, it has been a happy one. We wish him all the best in "B" Company.

Secondly, we welcome Sjt. Davie, who has joined us as Intelligence Serjeant, Cpl. Homer, Rfn. Green and Rfn. Hoffman, who joined us from the Royal Scots.

The section has been kept busy during the last three months. A short cadre was run for three weeks, in order to bring the section up to establishment.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Rfn. Cairns, Wilkie, Milligan, McCafferty, Kitson, White, Greenhill, who, having completed the cadre, joined us as fully fledged members of the Intelligence Section.

In our new station we man an O.P. every day on the Morgan Line regardless of the Borinas, Boras and what have you. Murray, the section's humorist, has ably translated the O.P. duty into the shape of a cartoon bearing the heading "Our Perseverance." This, we may add, now adorns the walls of the office, wedged between maps and panoramas.

The section has also done several Contraband Patrols in the course of its normal duties. One of these duties is providing guides for the weekly Battalion route march on Friday mornings. This arduous task is made more difficult by the fact that no one will believe that "it was only ten miles." In the face of our critics, however, we maintain a dignified silence and treat all suggestions that "it was at least twelve" with the contempt they deserve.

The strength of the section has fluctuated a lot lately. Rfn. Hoffman is at present attending a long course in England, after which he will be going on leave.

L/Cpl. Crawford and Rfn. Hughes have been lucky and had leave.

Finally, as we close, we send our best wishes to Cpl. (Snooks) Forsyth, who has just been released. We take this opportunity of wishing him all the best in civilian life.

FOOTBALL

These first football notes to appear for some considerable time must tell a tale of chops and changes, of ups and downs, over a very unsettled period in the story of the game in the battalion.

Very early in the 1948-49 season in Gibraltar it was known that the battalion would move soon and consequently the same active interest in competitive football that had been shown in previous seasons was not quite so evident. Competitions during this time were organised by Fortress and took the form of a large scale inter-company, or equivalent, league throughout the Command. This was split into three sections, the battalion providing five teams in the Middle League. Each company had played four or five games before leaving Gibraltar, and as a possible guide to later competitions it was noted that H.Q., "A" and "C" Companies were winning their matches consistently and well. During this period, because of the nature of the overall arrangements for competitions in Gibraltar covering the complete season, the battalion never once played as a team. This factor has undoubtedly had a decided bearing on our subsequent showings in Trieste.

Prior to our departure from Gibraltar the football enthusiasts could be seen to have a dreamy, faraway look in their eyes and frequently one might talk to Major Johnston for quite five minutes before a single word registered. And what was the cause of this bemused, thoughtful demeanour amongst a section of the battalion not generally credited with too great a store of the finer feelings? It was the anticipation of once more having the choice of a multitude of pitches to play on, and on each pitch, a multitude of soft, green, beautiful, grassy turf. But was there ever such disillusionment? I doubt it.

Trieste is very nearly as devoid of football pitches as Gibraltar is and, if there are a few more here, then there are certainly more than just a few more calls upon their use. And turf—if one looks very carefully at San Sabba Stadium and is prepared to be generous, one might admit the presence of roughly six blades of grass. But not another trace can be found on any other playing surface in the whole city.

Be that as it may, the battalion has settled down as well as may be expected to participate in the various competitions open to us. An inter-company league, within the battalion, for the League Shield is under way. The four teams at the top of this league at the end of the season will play off a knockout for the "Q" Cup, always providing pitch allotments and time allow.

An inter-company, or equivalent, knockout embracing the whole of BETFOR is also running at the moment and, as I write these notes, the companies who have so far played off their first round ties, "C" and "D," have both won.

When we came to Trieste there was no major unit competition in progress and to get games at all the battalion team had to rely on friendlies and challenges. As pointed out earlier in these notes the fact of our never having played as a battalion team at all this season stood us in ill stead. Soon after our arrival we fielded a scratch eleven against Camp H.Q. on a very cold, raw Saturday afternoon (not the sort of weather conditions we were used to) and were beaten 2-0. A series of trial matches were then played and these brought to light a number of very capable ex Royal Scots and also succeeded in putting our own ex-Gibraltar players back into better form. We then met a team from the visiting cruiser, H.M.S. "Liverpool," and won 1-0. The next game we played, against The King's Own, our neighbours in Rossetti, resulted in a win for the battalion by six goals to one.

Camp H.Q. then gave us a return match and the chance to avenge our early defeat at their hands. This game showed up our one great weakness; a weakness which has been apparent in practically every game we have played—our inability to score goals. With almost

The C.O. and 2 i/c encourage the team at half-time.

ninety per cent. of the play against Camp our forwards just could not score. Camp, in two breakaways scored twice and the final result was the same as in our first meeting.

A triangular league competition amongst the three Infantry Battalions is now nearing completion, and this perverse habit of scoring a large number of goals in one game and failing miserably in others is still very much in evidence. The matches we have played so far have resulted:

King's Own, 3; Cameronians, 1.
Cameronians, 6; South Lancs., 1.
Cameronians, 0; King's Own, 1.

No excuses can be offered for our failures and, despite them, we anticipate a number of our players being chosen to represent BETFOR in a match against BTA to be played in BTA in April. And in closing these notes, we give, as our confident opinion, that any Cameronian chosen to play in the BETFOR representative side will certainly prove himself worthy of the honour.

Lieut. Noble kicks ahead. An incident in the game against 1st Battalion The King's Own.

PIPE BAND

We are now well settled down in Trieste with things running in a straightforward manner.

A lot of us have now been home on leave and with the promise of good weather coming in soon, we are looking forward to the summer months. As it is, time seems to be passing pretty quickly, and the band has been busy with all sorts of jobs. With this station providing much better training areas than Gibraltar we find ourselves participating a great deal more in Battalion training activities. Nearly every week we have a route march and occasionally a scheme where we serve as Defence Platoon to Battalion H.Q. The last time one came off, several members were heard to make anxious enquiries about when "it was all going to finish," but all the same, despite our blue noses, most of us enjoyed the break in routine.

With the resumption of demob, the band, which always feels its losses keenly, was sorry to lose three of the pipe section—Sanny McKay, Glassford and McCann—who took with them our best wishes for Civvy Street. However, our learners are coming on well, and at present we can always muster about fifteen pipers and nine drummers on parade.

As far as sport goes we have distinguished ourselves by being one of the last three platoons in the Battalion Inter-Platoon Knock-out Hockey Competition. We lost a replay in the semi-finals and thanks are due to the indomitable Mick Kelly who steered the team to such a good position. We are confident that we will do even better the next time another opportunity comes our way.

Finally, we welcome to the fold Rfn. Traggis who, we feel sure, will soon become an asset to the band.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Since the last notes Support Company has settled down and started to be heard of.

The Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-out Competition was won by a team drawn from Company H.Q. and the Carrier Platoon. In this competition the Anti-Tank Platoon team also did well in reaching the semi-finals.

The winning team were: Rfn. Deighton, Cairns, C/Sjt. Soper, Rfn. Chambers, Captain McCance, Rfn. Robertson, Sjt. Keenan, Rfn. McKenna, Barrett, McKay and L/Cpl. Connolly.

In small bore shooting (BETFOR League) the Company team fell in the second round to 93 Company Royal Corps of Military Police. The team, who had defeated Support Company 2nd King's Own in the first round were: Lieut. M. W. Galloway; C.S.M. Graham, A.; Sjt. Anderson, H; Cpl. Johnson, H.; Cpl. Scott, W; L/Cpl. Speak, S.

In football, like everyone else, we suffer from a too small number of grounds available. So far we have played two league games, beating H.Q. I. 4-0 and "D" Company 3-0, and are at the top of the table. We have also had a friendly game with "C" Company, which we also won 3-2.

The following represent our hopes for future competition: Rfn. Hunter, Leishman, Crawford, Macdonald, Mullen, Lieut. Forbes, Rfn. Brown, Taylor, Cpl. Clark, Rfn. Mitchell and Honey.

We look forward to the time when the Bora loses its bite and 24-hour exercises can be faced with equanimity. During March two all-night exercises, one by the Carrier Platoon and one as enemy to the brigade have been carried out. The Bora was unkind in both instances.

HOCKEY

Once again we swagger. The Battalion XI is still unbeaten after 14 matches. The Battalion will almost certainly provide four of the BETFOR forwards to play B.T.A. next week, and two of the defence should also be chosen. Perhaps it would be wise to stop writing of the Battalion team in case someone wisely points out what pride comes before.

The Inter-Platoon Competition was played off in a flurry of sticks and flying balls. It would hardly be true to call the standard high, but the pace of games was such as to make senior ranks review, with pangs, the passing of their years. There were fierce scuffles in circles and trusty treatment of shins. On several occasions each side threw so many men into goalmouth incidents that, to the admiring spectators, the game seemed to have been upset into a tattoo rehearsal of a really ancient battle. Miraculously there were no hospital cases. Taking the competition as a whole, the Military Band played, perhaps, the most sporting hockey. "A" Company H.Q. with 1 Platoon showed the best hockey. But it was the Carrier Platoon which smote a path through to the final; this it won worthily, scoring the two goals of the match with two clannish and quite irresistible forward rushes.

RUGBY

We arrived in Trieste just in time to enter the BETFOR Inter-Unit League Competition. We were able to play one friendly game, our first as a team, before the league games started. This was against 1st King's Own. We expected to lose and we did, by 17 to nil.

Our next game was against the V.G. Police Force, who played an exceedingly hard, if somewhat unorthodox, game and beat us by 6 points to 5.

That was our last loss of the season. In our next game we inflicted a resounding defeat on the Royal Signals, the score being 41 points to nil, and followed that up by beating the Nomads by 30 points to 5, and the C.R.M.P. by 25 points to nil. During this time 2/Lt. Struthers, one of our centre three-quarters, went home on leave and his place was taken by Lt. Dow.

After this we lost our hooker, 2/Lt. Tedford, who also went home on leave. He was replaced by L/Cpl. Scott of "D" Company.

By now it was time for us to play our league game against the 1st King's Own. We reversed the previous decision by winning 19 points to 3. This put us at the head of the league for the first time, but the game cost us our scrum-half, Rfn. Ross of "C" Company, who badly injured his knee.

Lt. Galloway, who had been a great strength in the second row of the scrum, had broken his collar bone, so we had to rearrange ourselves for our final and hardest game.

The team stood then for our match against 1st South Lancashire Regiment as follows:—Full Back: Cpl. McNess (B); Three-quarters: Cpl. Johnstone (Sp.), Rfn. Dunn (H.Q.), Lt. Dow and 2/Lt. Worthington-Wilmer. Forwards: (Front Row): Rfn. Scott (D), L/Cpl. Scott (D) and Sjt. Sneddon (D); (Second Row): Lt. Parkes and L/Cpl. Mitchell (C); (Third Row): Lt. Rodger, Lt. Smith and Capt. Bryceson (captain).

The first half of the game was fought furiously with the South Lancashire Regiment pressing us the whole time. Both sides scored a try, ours was as a result of a brilliant dash of about thirty yards by Lt. Dow. They could not keep it up, however, and the second half saw us almost continuously in their "25," with

the score at the final whistle standing at 18 points to 3.

The final placing in the league saw us sharing top place with the V.G. Police, who had two draws against our loss, but we win the shield, as ours is the highest point average.

A great deal of interest has been shown by all ranks of the battalion in Rugby. Some Companies have even raised teams to play friendly matches against each other. We also raised a second fifteen, under Major Bunten, who played two games against H.M.S. Mermaid. The first was lost by 13 points to nil, but the second we drew 3-3.

As we go to press it is learnt that Capt. P. K. Bryceson, Lt. Noble, Lt. Smith, Lt. Littlejohn and Lt. Rodger have been chosen to play in the BETFOR Command side against B.T.A. at Klagenfurt on March 19, 1949.

BOXING

The BETFOR Inter-Unit Team Championship took place on 14th-16th February between 1st King's Own, 1st South Lancashire Regiment, and ourselves. It was fought on the knockout system in which one complete team drew a bye. We were that team, and met the 1st South Lancashire on the 11th February, after they had beaten the 1st King's Own by nine bouts to three.

The score at the end of the evening was ten to two, in favour of the South Lancashires, but their victory was by no means as easy as the score indicates. Every fight was hotly contested, and several decisions were so close that it must have been difficult to decide which man was the winner.

The bouts in order of weights and strings went as follows:—

Bantam (Rfn. Hudson). Hudson, who had fought in the novices competition three weeks earlier, gave a very plucky exhibition, but was beaten on points by a stronger and more experienced opponent.

Feather (Cpl. Hall). Both men moved fast and hit hard, and kept up the tempo until they were both boxed off their feet, but after a close fight the verdict went to the South Lancashires.

Light (Cpl. Liddell). This bout again was a very close one, and both men fought hard all the way, but Cpl. Liddell lost to a fitter and stronger man.

(Rfn. Baines). As did the others, Rfn. Baines put his heart into the bout, and fought gallantly to the end of the third round and lost by only a very close margin.

Welter (Rfn. Wigley). This fight was one that we knew would be very exciting. Rfn. Wigley, who was experienced, fought very well indeed, but his opponent was a faster man, and Wigley was just outboxed.

(Cpl. Thomas). Cpl. Thomas showed us some copybook boxing and it was thrilling to watch his straight lefts, with the follow-up rights. He clearly outboxed his opponent and won by a large margin.

(Cpl. Macness). He tried to ensure a win by a knockout and is very strong, but failed to make contact and was beaten on points.

Middle (Sjt. Sneddon). This fight was a foregone conclusion, and we saw Sjt. Sneddon who looked very fit, after a few devastating blows, register a knockout with a right to the chin in the first round.

(L/Cpl. Trainor). Excitement was great during this bout and both men hit very hard through the six minutes in the ring, but the verdict, which must have been a difficult one to make, went to the other side.

Light-Heavy (Sjt. Burton). Sjt. Burton, who is a southpaw, fought very cleverly and went for his man all the time, but his opponent's left won the fight.

Heavy (Cpl. Walton). This might have been a bantam-weight contest judging from the speed with which both men moved during all three rounds. Both men hit hard, but though Cpl. Walton hit harder, he was beaten on points by his opponent who had, perhaps, the more orthodox style.

Feather—Second String (Rfn. Powell). Our second string put up a good show indeed, and we saw some clever boxing, but he lost on points after a bout which might have gone to either man.

The cup and medals were presented by Brigadier R. F. Johnston to the winning team.

In all we saw some very good boxing by both teams, who fought with all they had. The South Lancashire Regiment are to be congratulated on their team which had obviously been very thoroughly trained. Next year when we have more time for training ourselves we have great hopes of reversing the result.

Battalion Boxing Team in training under C.S.M. Godfrey.

APPRECIATION

LT.-COLONEL E. BRICKMAN, D.S.O.
CAPTAIN (Q.M.) W. C. BUNCE.

It is fitting to use the medium of these pages to record appreciation of two notable personalities who have left the Battalion in recent months. It is also a fitting moment, as both, sad to say, now leave the Regimental List; though they will be for ever Cameronians.

Lieut.-Colonel Eric Brickman, D.S.O., relinquished command of the Battalion in October, 1948, on promotion to Colonel, and to take up a Brigadier's appointment. While we rejoice at and approve his promotion we cannot but grieve at his loss to the Battalion, and to the Regiment with some part of which he has spent all except two years of his twenty-eight years' service.

Among the many fine Commanding Officers of Cameronians, "Brick" must rank as one of the finest: and his record in command is unique. He commanded the same battalion twice; once in war and once in peace; on each occasion for a period of two years. The way he commanded in war brought the battalion renown and him a D.S.O. This period of command, from 1941 to 1944, saw the Battalion move from N. Ireland to England and embark for overseas. Followed Madagascar, India, Iran, Syria, Egypt, with all attendant difficulties of administration and training in varying climates and conditions and for different theatres of war. All culminated in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns; and there can have been few, if any, better-trained and better-found battalions than the 2nd Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) which landed on the Sicilian beaches, and none with more confidence in their C.O.

The way he commanded in peace has brought the Battalion a high reputation for behaviour, efficiency and smartness, and to him the increased respect and affection of all ranks. Colonel Brickman took over the Battalion in June, 1946, from Lt.-Col. Kenneth Brunker, as it started an eight-month tour as Demonstration Battalion at the school of Infantry. In February, 1947, he took the Battalion to Gibraltar. The latter station gave him opportunities, which he was quick to seize, of bringing out the qualities of his officers, N.C.O.s and soldiers, and with the co-operation of all ranks he raised the standards of smartness and observance of tradition to a high pre-war level. The Pipe Band, always one of his chief loves, prospered especially under his care, and its playing and appearance at "Retreats," "The Ceremony of the Keys" and other functions became a subject for eulogy. Reports of the smartness of the Battalion came home to Scotland, not only from Army, but from naval, civilian and even American sources. "Brick's" energy did not stop short at spit and polish. Ever a keen and able trainer, he taught his officers and men to take full advantage of the scanty facilities for field training existing at Gibraltar. Few who know the "Rock" would believe the scope and value of the field and

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beach exercises which can be carried out there by infantry schooled in initiative and imbued with enthusiasm. There were few mornings when scandalised apes, emerging from their dens at dawn, did not find their normal haunts already occupied by the patrols of a Cameronian Company.

Brigadier Brickman is greatly missed in the Battalion, for his strong leadership, wise guidance and his high example, and for his kindly personality. So also is Mrs Brickman, to whom the families owe much for help and pleasure. We wish them both much happiness and success in Lancashire, and remember their time with us with gratitude.

One notable characteristic of our Regiment is the production of Quartermasters of outstanding personality, ability and general calibre. Anyone who has served in the Cameronians during the past thirty years can call to mind immediately the names of half-a-dozen such officers, and in that half-dozen Captain Bill Bunce will be included.

Captain Bunce was Commissioned in the Field in 1944, and became Quartermaster of the 9th Battalion which owed much to him for its administrative excellence and general efficiency in the war. What the 1st Battalion owes to him it is hard to compute. He came to the Battalion at the end of 1945—that difficult period when many war-time administrative tangles had to be unravelled. Ledgers and records had to be put straight or restarted. The peacetime system of accounting, of which few Officers or N.C.O.s had any knowledge, had to be resumed. Fortunately for the Battalion, Captain Bunce's previous experience (he had held successfully almost every non-commissioned appointment in a Battalion) had made him, among other things, an expert in all regimental accounting. This, with his acute brain, great drive and an immense capacity for work, enabled him to place the Battalion on the sound administrative foundation on which it stands to-day. Not only did he accomplish much single-handed, but he taught a great many other people their administrative jobs as well.

Any Battalion is helpless without a good Quartermaster. During Captain Bunce's tenure of that office, which has included two moves by sea, the Battalion has been anything but helpless. Suffice it to say, that it was paid the unusual compliment of a letter from the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar to the H.Q. BETFOR Command, commending the condition in which accommodation and stores had been handed over. That was Bill Bunce.

He was always, and still is, the loyalest and keenest of Cameronians, and took an intense interest in every facet of Battalion life, and in the general well-being and efficiency of the Unit as a whole. His own department was run with the utmost efficiency, and while he never interfered unasked, there were few departments in the Battalion which have not been indebted to him for guidance and assistance. Many an Officer, N.C.O. and soldier will remember with gratitude, real help or sound advice which came from the Q.M.'s office, given often with a caustic tongue, but with a twinkle in that shrewd eye. The Officers' Mess will not seem the same without him, for his company was as excellent as his help with the administration.

It is sad that he must leave us, and more than sad that he must leave the Army. Whatever walk in life he adopts we are sure that he will adorn it, and probably improve it. We hope the Regiment will see him often in the future, and wherever he goes and whatever he does, our good wishes and gratitude go with him.

6th (Lanarkshire) Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. E. A. Paul.
2nd-in-Command—Major A. B. M. Martin.
Adjutant—Capt. M. A. D. Graham, M.C.
Quartermaster—Capt. (Q.M.) D. McNeill.
O.C. "H.Q." Coy.—Capt. I. H. Keith.
O.C. "S" Coy.—Major D. D. Browning.
O.C. "A" Coy.—Major N. J. C. Maclean.
O.C. "B" Coy.—Capt. R. Fleming.
O.C. "C" Coy.—Capt. C. E. Michie.
O.C. "D" Coy.—Major The Hon. R. J. B. Colville, M.B.E.

EDITORIAL

Although the cold weather of the past few days makes us think longingly of the sun of warmer lands, which in the past we often cursed, spring is on the way, and we look forward to training in the open with its added scope. But the Battalion has not been idle during the last two months, and training has included two week-end camps at Winston Barracks. During the first, held from 19th to 20th February, training consisted mainly of two Sand Table Exercises, one on advance and the other on the attack. In addition there was also Signal and Recruit training. A T.E.W.T. was carried out during the second camp from 19th to 20th March. The value of these week-end camps lies not only in the training, but also in the opportunity they present of "getting together," and encouraging the Battalion spirit so necessary now, and which will be so much more necessary when we set out to show the conscript intake what a good thing it is to serve in the T.A.

On Sunday, 20th February, the Battalion were well represented at a T.A. Rally held in the Drill Hall, Motherwell. Lord Clydesmuir, who addressed the Rally, spoke of the need for a strong T.A., and stressed the value of serving members as recruiting "Serjeants."

Major-General Urquhart, G.O.C. Lowland District, then gave a talk on the history of the Airborne Forces, and the film "Desert Victory" was shown.

Normal training has gone on throughout the week, and we have held officers' training periods every alternate Thursday.

ALL RANKS' DANCE

An All Ranks' Dance was held on 25th February, 1949. This was very well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

RECRUITING DRIVE—"AT HOME"

An "At Home" was held on Friday, 25th March, at Muirhall, sponsored by the Lanarkshire T. & A.F. Associations as a conclusion to the current recruiting drive. Approximately 400 guests attended.

The gathering was addressed by Mr Tom Fraser, Joint Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, who put the need for a strong Territorial Force in defence of our liberty, and thanked all who had been good enough to join the Territorials. In conclusion, he said, "that any one who joined the T.A. were, by virtue of joining, showing they respected their responsibilities as citizens." Col. Paul thanked Mr Fraser on behalf of the T. & A.F. Association.

Mrs Paul kindly presented the prizes for the raffle held, and it was with regret that midnight came. With it came "God Save The King," and a great night came to an end.

SERJEANTS' MESS

The Mess is in the throes of being repaired and redecorated, and at the moment rather "grim," but it is hoped that we shall soon be organised again.

We still have our little gatherings on Sunday evenings, when members and friends continue to support us.

A few members of the mess are attending week-end courses run by the 1st. Battalion K.O.S.B. at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, which they enjoy and are finding beneficial.

We wish to record the promotion of Sjt. John Neilson to O.R.Q.M.S. He has our best wishes.

After the "At Home" an old and respected member was heard muttering "I'm Down." What can he possibly mean?

Best regards to all members of the Serjeants' Mess, 1st Battalion and Regimental Depot. We shall be pleased to see them if they are ever in this district any week-end.

We have had a visit from the one and only "Tough," and also C.S.M. Roebuck.

7th Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

C.O.—Lt-Col. G. N. S. Tweeddale Hollond.
2nd-in-Command — Major J. E. H. MacLeod.
Adjutant—Capt. G. C. B. Fotheringham.
Q.M.—Capt. A. MacLean.
O.C. "A" Coy.—Major R. A. Cochran.
O.C. "B" Coy.—Major W. P. Blyth.
O.C. "C" Coy.—Major J. Harper, M.C.
O.C. "D" Coy.—Capt. H. L. Kerr.
O.C. "H.Q." Coy.—Major W. Young.

"Zummer iz y'coomin' in !"

We think that is perhaps how the poet might have expressed himself if he had been coming to camp with us this summer. Why? Because we are going to Devon, to Braunton to be exact. Already a cidery glow is beginning to suffuse the contenances of some of the senior members of the battalion as they regale us with tales of their adventures at Barnstaple, Woolacombe, Braunton and Westward Ho. They tell us that rough cider has many advantages over usquebaugh, and is in no way to be treated in the fashion of Coca-Cola, Iron Brew, or other intoxicating beverages, as our senior colleague found to his cost. These travellers' tales we treat with the greatest reserve, but we have been assured on unimpeachable authority that the price is within even our means. This may be mere wishful thinking on our part but we are packing our camp kit and our tankard, with memories of the price of "Schlichte" and "Steinhager" in the balmy days of war.

Reluctantly we tear ourselves away from this bacchanalian vision to chronicle the events of the past two months. Normal training has been proceeding, albeit rather slowly, but we had one brigade exercise called "Seaplan Sam-

The 7th Battalion Serjeants' Mess entertaining the British Legion (Giffnock Branch). The R.S.M. goes into action, whilst the C.O., Capt. McLean, guests and members look on with keen interest.

pan." This was another version of an old parlour game in which the Bde. staff asked all the questions and Majors Cochran, Harper and Young knew none of the answers. In this they were helped by the R.S.M. and various members of the serjeants' mess. There was another exercise called "Misty," or "Foggy," but not having been on that, we think it was merely a repeat performance of "Seaplan Sampan."

In the immediate future we have a very encouraging week-end exercise in prospect. It is, we hope, aptly called "Splash." As it is being held in a very famous Clyde coast hotel, we have more officers keen to go than there are vacancies on the exercise.

During the past two months we have had several inspections by senior officers, including one by the army commander, Lt.-General Sir G. H. A. MacMillan, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

The men's room has recently been transformed by the fairy godmother (Major W. Young). It is now more like the canteens advertised in the recruiting posters than anything we have ever seen. "Aw wi need noo is a coupla smashin' blondes, behin' the bar." This comment was made by a prominent Glasgow business man, who in his spare time is a member of the mess. Our reporter reluctantly agreed to his unduly modest request to remain anonymous.

SERJEANTS' MESS

The Mess, since the festive season, has once more returned to normal with the usual social evenings on Saturdays and Sundays, which are attended with as much regularity as they have always been. One can always meet many kent faces propping up the bar or praying that the next house will be theirs. These social gatherings have now become a definite and irreplaceable part of the Mess life, and we are glad to see that although our time is limited on Sunday nights—having to close at 9.30 p.m.—the attendance on that day is just as good as any other day.

The Mess outing this year is taking place on Sunday, 8th May, and it is intended to go to Berwick-on-Tweed. Two buses have been hired for the outing and all the seats were booked within twenty-four hours of the notice being posted up in the Mess, this augurs well for the run and all we require now is for Dame Nature to be as kind to us this year as she was last. It has been rumoured that certain members of the Mess intend chaining themselves to the bus wheels this year to avoid being left behind.

Skittles has suddenly become the craze in the Mess, both in the evenings and also during the lunch hour with the Permanent Staff. Almost any day at approximately 12.30 p.m., anyone passing the Training Centre would hear a voice bellowing, "Sykes, skittles": Sykes being the Brigade chief clerk. The R.Q.M.S., Craggs by name—note you old soldiers—often endeavours to show the remainder just how it should be done and more often than not finishes holding the remainder up. Sometimes the remainder take pity and allow him to pull one off just for a bit of encouragement. It is usually a fight between him and the O.R.Q.M.S. to see who can get the most blacks, but even in this the R.Q. is completely outshone by the classic display put up by the O.R.Q.M.S., who seems to be a wizard at getting blacks. Although there are only two black skittles on the table compared to ten white ones, when the O.R.Q. gets down to it one would think that all the skittles were black. The R.S.M. uses his own private cue which is looked upon as sacred by other members of the Mess, but he might as well use a sweeping brush for all the good it does him. He still pegs away hoping that some day before he succumbs he may master the art of using a billiard cue. A warm vote of thanks must go to our official skittles marker, Sjt. "Jimmie" O'Hear, who never lets us down. He walked into the Mess the other day carrying a board under his arm, and, when asked what it was, remarked that it was a new portable marking board which he intended patenting for use in Sjts'. Messes. Well done, Jimmie!

On Thursday, 10th March, 1949, the Mess entertained the Giffnock Branch of the British Legion to a social evening which proved a tremendous success. We were successful on the miniature range and at darts, but were completely outclassed at snooker as they brought all their star players up. All I will mention here is our snooker team, but please don't let this mislead you into thinking them hams on the table, they really played extremely well. As I said before, the Legion had their crash players out. Please note that the R.S.M.'s cue was again in prominence during this match and one person was heard to say that some dark and stormy night he would have the greatest of pleasure in feeding the R.S.M. and his cue to the fishes. Nuff said! The teams were the Commanding Officer and Captain McLean No. 1 team, and the R.S.M. and Sjt. Hogg No. 2 team, with the R.S.M. blaming the quality of the chalk. After quaffing many pints of beer the members and guests retired to the ante-room to partake of refreshments and endeavour to entertain each other with a little sing-song in which the outstanding personality of the evening was Sjt. Cullen, with an inspired rendering of "Cigarettes, Whisky and Wild, Wild Women." The evening terminated at 11 p.m. with the usual "Will ye no' come back again?" from the Mess members, and "They are jolly good fellows," from the guests. In the near future we will be visiting the British Legion Club at Giffnock and we intend taking our crash snooker players.

It has been decided to present all the Mess members with a pewter tankard in the near future which will be suitably inscribed with the member's name, so in future one would expect to see a glittering array of tankards dangling from pegs behind the bar. I'm quite sure the beer couldn't possibly taste any better even out of a pewter tankard!

A sweep was run in the Mess for the *Grand National* and there were many moans and cries of delight to be heard as the horses were drawn, but not one as loud as that of Sjt. (Willie) Westwood when he heard that his horse had romped home. The chief clerk of 264 Brigade drew the second and a Mr (Tom) Brawley, a guest of the Mess, drew the third. The highlight of the draw came when a member of the Mess, no names no pack drill—but a butcher by trade—picked a horse which had already given up the ghost and had gone wherever this type of quadruped goes when they peg out.

C.S.M. Aitken successfully passed on his latest course at the School of Chemical Warfare, and we wish to extend our congratulations to him. He can now be heard walking around the Training Centre, shouting *gas*, to all and sundry.

A very successful dance was held in the Serjeants' Mess, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1949, and congratulations must go to the new A.C.C., Sjt. Barr, for putting on an extremely good show in the catering line. This is the first time the unit has tried its own catering and it proved very popular; he was ably assisted by two of the unit cooks, Rfn. Yates and Rfn. Mulligan. Sgt. (Willie) Westwood, commonly known as "Twinkle-Toes" to his intimates, performed the duties of M.C., and it is due solely to him that the dance was such a success. The dance committee put in a considerable amount of their spare time in organising the dance and our thanks go to them for their grand efforts.

The topic of conversation these days is Camp, and I am now allowed to divulge its location. Shortly, that is, in July,

the Brigade proceeds by road, rail and sea to invade glorious Devon, the Riviera of England, and are to be accommodated in a camp which was built for the Americans at Braunton, near Barnstaple. We are given to understand that the training areas are ideal for our type of work so we should put in some very valuable training, plus the fact that this year we are going for 15 days instead of eight days as last year. About this, more anon, but if the weather is fine—and it usually is in Devon—we should have a very pleasant time.

It is strongly rumoured that almost every evening in Maryhill Barracks a voice may be heard singing that very popular number "Slow Boat To China." Is it coincidental that the R.S.M.'s better half, now in the W.R.A.C., has been posted to China, and he himself is living in Maryhill Barracks. I wonder?

In conclusion, may I once more extend a warm and hearty welcome to all members of the Regiment who may be either in or passing through Glasgow, just to pop in and say hello. We shall only be too glad to see you.

7th Battalion Army Cadet Force

The Cadet Club Dance on the evening of February 26th was a grand affair, and the Social Committee deserve a pat on the back for making this possible. The function was well attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent together. During the interval after tea the opportunity was taken to recognise the long and faithful service of our former Commanding Officer. On behalf of the officers and other ranks, Major G. Gibbs, with remarks appropriate to the occasion, presented to Lieut.-Colonel J. R. L. Sloan, M.B.E., a solid silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, surmounted with the Cameronian Regimental crest.

In reply, Colonel Sloan gave us some reminiscences of the early days of the Cadet Corps and urged all to give of their best, and it was his earnest desire that the unit would carry on from strength to strength.

Our thanks are again due to our parent battalion for the use of the Lecture Room and Men's Room for this memorable occasion, and we express our appreciation for this fine gesture. The Cadet Club has closed down for the present, but the library will still be available each Wednesday evening. To those whose responsibility it is to manage the club, and for their unfailing service, with special mention to the ladies, there is extended to all the appreciation and thanks of the Commanding Officer for all they have done.

At the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow at the "To-Day and To-Morrow Exhibition," sponsored by the Corporation, the Youth movements in the city have been showing their paces in the arena each evening during the exhibition. The A.C.F. in the Glasgow Area put on a show, and members from units, including our own, are to be commended for the splendid display put over on seven occasions during the period of the exhibition.

A Travelling Wing has been with us during the end of March, and preparatory training for Certificate "A" examination at Maryhill Barracks on April 10th has been the order of the day. All entrants are for Part I and are very hopeful of good results being obtained.

The unit is looking forward to a week-end of outdoor training during Easter at Aberruthven, Perthshire (Abriven to the locals), and, of course, we are keeping our fingers crossed in the hope that the weather clerk will be on his best behaviour so that all will enjoy the full benefit of a week-end in the country.

Our team in the Small Bore League Division V has done exceptionally well. With no reserves to draw upon, although it did not hit the high spots at the top of the league, it can be justly proud of attaining third position on the aggregate over the season.

THE CAMERONIANS (Scottish Rifles) MEMORIAL CLUB

The "Colonel's Night," Saturday, 26th March, 1949, at 7.30 p.m.

The anniversary of the birth of the late Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vandeleur, D.S.O., was held in the Club on the evening of 26th March, 1949.

It was the wish of the late Colonel, that this evening be perpetuated in his memory, as he always celebrated his birthday in the Club since its formation.

The present Convener of the Club Committee, Lieut.-Colonel G. T. Bookless, O.B.E., was in the chair, and a very pleasant evening's entertainment was provided by a varied list of entertainers, many of whom were close personal friends of the late Colonel Vandeleur.

Sandwiches were provided for the members and guests by the Clubmaster, and the usual liquid refreshments were partaken of.

In a tribute to the memory of the late Founder and first Chairman of the Club, Colonel Bookless, told a few personal anecdotes of his contacts with Colonel Vandeleur.

He also gave a short history of the 1914-18 Memorial Scheme, which culminated in the opening of the Club on 29th September, 1928.

In conclusion, Colonel Bookless stated that had it not been for the energy and enthusiasm shown by our late Chairman, it was unlikely that we would be that evening enjoying the hospitality of the Club, and the comradeship of members of the Regiment.

Two minutes' silence were then observed.

The following short poem was composed for the occasion by one of our younger members, Mr Andrew Brown, a Cameronian of the 1939-45 War, and at the request of the Chairman was read to the assembled company by Mr R. E. Kerr.

"The United Services Silversmiths," Wrotham, Kent

Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Bell, late R.H.A., wishes to call attention to the fact that "The United Services Silversmiths," Wrotham, Kent (an organisation employing disabled ex-servicemen), design and produce exclusive Trophies, Presentation Pieces, Challenge Shields, Cups, Medallions, etc.

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The organisation has many applications for employment from ex-servicemen and therefore solicits your kind co-operation.

ARMY ART SOCIETY

The Society held its seventeenth exhibition, the second since the war, during the month of October last in the Imperial Institute, Kensington, S.W.7. The exhibition was open to the public for three weeks and the attendance was most satisfactory. No check of numbers could be made but more catalogues were sold than ever before. The exhibition was a great success. 436 works were shown, but over 100 could not be accepted for lack of space. The standard was high, of many of the works very high indeed, especially among the water colours and sculpture. Sixteen works were sold.

The Society's next exhibition will be held in the Imperial Institute during October this year. Receiving Day will be Monday, 3rd October. The exhibition will be open to the public for three weeks.

All ranks of the Army and Royal Marines, past and present, permanent or temporary, who are not already members of the Society are eligible to submit works for consideration on Receiving Day. The fees payable are a submission fee of 2/6 on each work submitted and a hanging fee of 5/- on each work shown. Exhibitors will be considered by the Committee for election to membership of the Society.

All ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force and of other Armed Forces of the Empire may also submit works and may also be considered for election as associates.

The rules and all further particulars may be obtained on application from the Honorary Secretary, Colonel L. N. Malan, O.B.E., 2 Inverna Gardens, London, W.8.

MILITARY WIDOWS' FUND

The object of the Fund, as set out in the Trust Deed, is "to provide a sum of money for the immediate needs of the widows and children of subscribers to the Fund who die when serving overseas, and to alleviate the distress of such relatives without having recourse to the process of circulating subscription lists."

The Fund previously existed for the benefit of those serving in India and Burma, where it was first set up over one hundreds years ago. When it closed down out there the assets—amounting to about £100,000—were generously handed over to the new Fund, which will be administered by a Committee of officers on the staff of the War Office.

Membership is open to all officers in the Regular Army (British Service) who are serving on the Active List overseas. The subscription will, for the present, be £3 annually. The benefits payable to a widow, should the officer die while on the strength of an overseas Command, will, for the present, be £900. Benefits are payable with the minimum of formality. The rate of subscription and the amount of the benefits are based on the present ability of the Fund to meet commitments; they are both liable to variation should acturial examination prove this to be necessary. Due notice would be given before any changes were made. A widower with dependent children, as defined in the rules, may also join the Fund, the benefits being payable to his children.

The Fund is impressed with a charitable trust, and the United Services Trustee is custodian trustee. The address of the Secretary is: The Secretary, Military Widows' Fund, Room 634, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

Extracts from the "LONDON GAZETTE"

Friday, 4th February, 1949.

Regular Army.

The undermentioned to be Colonel:—

War Subs. Lieut.-Colonel (Temp. Brigadier) E. K. G. Sixsmith, C.B.E. (30697), from The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 9th July, 1948, with seniority 19th February, 1948.

Tuesday, 8th February, 1949.

Territorial Army.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Captain W. Young (160524) is granted the acting rank of Major, 1st December, 1948.

Friday, 11th February, 1949.

Regular Army.

The undermentioned Officer Cadet from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieut. 22nd December, 1948, with seniority 22nd December, 1948:—

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Alan Campbell (397835).

Tuesday, 15th February, 1949.

Regimental List.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Lieut. W. P. Hunt (296202) from Emerg. Comm. to be Lieut. 1st January, 1949.

Friday, 18th February, 1949.

The following Officer awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial),

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles):—

Lieut. (now Captain) J. H. McNair (126154) (now R.A.).

The following Officer awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) without gratuity (the date of qualification is shown in brackets):—

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles):—

Captain (Q.M.) W. C. Bunce (316037) (17th September, 1948).

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1949.

Regular Army.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Captain M. P. Stormonth-Darling (66304) to be Major, 8th February, 1949.

Friday, 4th March, 1949.

Regular Army.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Lieut. (War Subs. Major) C. V. Halden, M.B.E., T.D. (50012), to be Captain 21st December, 1946, with seniority 5th October, 1942.

The notifications regarding Lieut. (War Subs. Major) C. V. Halden, M.B.E., T.D. (50012), in Gazette (Supplement), dated 24th January, 1947, and 13th July, 1948, are cancelled.

Emergency Commissions.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

2/Lieut. D. H. MacMillan (382447) to be Lieut., 6th July, 1948 (Substituted for the notification in Gazette (Supplement), dated 23rd November, 1948).

The following Officer is awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial):—

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) D. MacDonald, M.C. (160522).

Friday, 11th March, 1949.

Territorial Army Reserve of Officers.

Regimental List.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Lieut. (Hon. Major) G. R. Fleming (93706), having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his commission, 12th March, 1949, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Friday, 18th March, 1949.

Territorial Army Reserve of Officers.

Regimental List.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

The undermentioned Lieuts. (War Subs. Captains), having exceeded the age limit, relinquish their commissions 19th March, 1949:—

(Hon. Major) J. H. Stewart (101118) and retains the hon. rank of Major.

J. W. Grant, M.C. (106057), and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

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The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) Association

"No Cameronian appealing for help in any form appeals in vain, if his case is a deserving one."

This important statement was made by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and later emphasised by the Hon. Secretary at the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) Association, held in Glasgow on 29th January, 1944.

To clear up any misunderstanding which may exist, allow me to point out all members and ex-members of the Regiment can receive assistance in various ways from the Association. It is perfectly true to say that only members of the Association can benefit from the Association funds.

At the same time it is equally true to say that Cameronians, whether members of the Association or not, can receive the assistance, so willingly given, from the Association.

No Cameronian, serving or non-serving, appeals in vain if he wants, and deserves, help. While this help may not come in a form of hard cash, the Association has other ways and means of assisting Cameronians and ex-Cameronians. After all, the saying, "Once a Cameronian, always a Cameronian," is as true to-day as ever it was, and the Association does its part in keeping this tradition to the forefront.

The Association does not work merely as a Benevolent Society for producing monetary assistance—its organisation and scope is far greater than that!

Let me tell you something about it:—

Firstly—It has its own organisation, with office-bearers, executive committee, and office in the Barracks at Hamilton.

Secondly—The office at the Barracks is also at the Regimental Headquarters, and the whole organisation of the Depôt Orderly Room and staff is at its disposal.

Thirdly—It donates to the funds of, and has personal close touch with, all the other charitable societies and social services which may be of help to Cameronians.

Fourthly—The Hon. Secretary works in close touch with the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen, also located in the Barracks.

And fifthly—The Hon. Secretary is in personal touch with the Pensions Office and Record Office, both of which are only too ready to assist him.

Thus, it can be seen that an appeal from a Cameronian sent to the Barracks, Hamilton, is sent to a Headquarters whose scope for giving assistance is almost unlimited.

It is capable of dealing with any kind of trouble, through military or civil channels, with an organisation equal to any case brought to its notice.

The many cases coming to the Barracks are not cases where £2 or £3 given immediately is the best way of helping. Many of them are for help to put through a pension; place the applicant in a home in the case of one who has left the Service; and, for serving Cameronians, to look after the interests of a dependant or give help in domestic difficulties.

On the other hand, if help in cash is wanted urgently—even if the Association, by its Constitution, cannot assist in this way—it is always possible to get this help through other means because of the contacts which the Association has made.

It is sometimes thought that because the Association passes on a case and benefit is received from an outside source, the Regiment has not helped. This is an entirely wrong outlook. It is because the case has been brought to the notice of the other charitable society, and because they know that the Association has investigated it and considers itself justified in putting forward a claim that help is obtained.

I think that I can justly say that a case brought before the notice of another society by the Association has far greater sympathy and consideration given to it than a direct application by an individual.

This is due to the known integrity of the Association, and the fact that outside help is asked for only after the Association has investigated and done all it can.

This close collaboration between the Association Secretary and these other charitable organisations and social services opens the field of assistance to an extent that no Regimental Charitable Fund could ever hope to attain.

The Association brings its personal interest in cases to the notice of all the charitable and social services throughout Great Britain, and so makes available the resources of their various funds.

I think this shows that the Association can deal with all Cameronians, past and present.

Some may ask, "Why then pay money to join the Association if you can get the benefits without it?"

Here is the answer:—

1—With the object of keeping up the comradeship and Regimental spirit, not merely whilst serving, but afterwards in civilian life.

2—To keep such an organisation going requires money. Although, personally, you may think that no benefits, except from gatherings and such like, may be derived from it for yourself, it is the duty of all to assist one another. By subscribing and becoming a member of the Association you are helping those less fortunate than yourself.

3—In order to obtain the benefits for yourself or your dependants which are available to you under the constitution.

4—By being a member you are giving yourself and your dependants the right to call on your Regiment for help if necessary. Also the right of one who, by becoming a member, has contributed to the assistance of his comrades.

In this article I have tried to put before you a case for joining the Regimental Association, and I would like to end by repeating "Once a Cameronian, always a Cameronian," and no Cameronian ever appeals in vain to the Barracks, Hamilton, if he is deserving of help in any form whatsoever.

Hon. Treasurer,
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